

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) will receive electronic or paper bids for the construction of the following project:

SB# 1681 INDEPENDENCE PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN PHASE 1
7500 Independence Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Project Description: The project is a first phase of a master plan for improvements to the Botanical Gardens at Independence Community Park. The major components of the project are a walkway system connecting the new Goodwood Library to the Gardens, a formal parterre garden, landscaping, irrigation, site furnishings, lighting, unit paving, a fountain, and garden structures.

Electronic **OR** Paper bids will be received until **2 PM** CT, Tuesday, **September 13, 2016**, by the BREC Finance Department, BREC Administration Building, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. All electronic bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud, along with all paper bids received, immediately after the **2 PM** CT bid closing in **Room 2034** of the BREC Administration Building. Bidders or their authorized representatives are invited to be present. No bids will be received after **2 PM** CT on the same day and date.

Bids, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids, received after the time specified for bid opening shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever, except as required by law. Bids shall be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening of bids and no bid shall be withdrawn for any reason during this period of time except as allowed per LSA-R.S.38:2214.C. Bidders shall obtain an original set of bidding documents from BREC as follows.

Complete bid documents are available on disk for purchase for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) at the BREC Purchasing Department, 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, 70806. Any Addenda, if issued, will be e-mailed to prospective bidders who have purchased plans and registered with the BREC Purchasing Department. Plans may be picked up or BREC will overnight / mail plans at bidder's expense. Contact the BREC Purchasing Department at (225)273-6421.

Complete bid documents are available in electronic format at www.bidexpress.com. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to Bid Express Customer Service at support@bidexpress.com. Toll free phone: (888) 352-BIDX (2439), Phone: (352) 381-4888, Fax: (352) 381-4444, Monday thru Friday, 6am - 6pm CST.

Bidders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. A set of documents can be printed by most reprographers.

Electronic bids and electronic bid bonds must be submitted through www.bidexpress.com prior to the bidding deadline. Electronic bid bonds will be downloaded by the BREC Finance Department immediately after the **2 PM** CT bid closing. Bidders utilizing the electronic bid process are responsible for confirming that all documents are properly submitted and received by BidExpress. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to Bid Express Customer Service at support@bidexpress.com. Toll free phone: (888) 352-BIDX (2439), Phone: (352) 381-4888, Fax: (352) 381-4444, Monday thru Friday, 6am - 6pm CST.

Paper bid forms must be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope and endorsed **Independence Park Botanical Garden Phase 1 for the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge along with Contractor's license number** as required by LSA-R.S. 37:2151-2165. **Bids with no license number will be rejected.** One (1) copy of the bid form shall be submitted. Bid form blanks must be duly filled in by the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned not to attach any conditions or provisions to their proposals. Any foreign conditions will render the proposal invalid and may cause its rejection. A Certified Check or Cashier's Check, payable to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge or a satisfactory Bid Bond, in compliance with LSA-R.S. 38:2218.A&C, executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid, shall be submitted with each paper bid.

BREC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Bidder is encouraged to utilize minority participation in this contract to the extent possible through the use of small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses as suppliers or subcontractors.

All Contractors bidding on this work shall comply with all provisions of the State Licensing Law for Contractors, LSA-R.S. 37:2150-2163, as amended, for all public contracts. It shall also be the responsibility of the General Contractor to assure that all subcontractors comply with this law. Contractors must be licensed in the proper category of work.

BREC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for just cause as allowed by LSA-R.S. 38:2214.

The construction estimate will be read aloud at the bid opening.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10 AM CT, August 30, 2016, at Independence Park Botanical Garden, 7500 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. The pre-bid conference is non-mandatory.** Bidders should review the bid documents and drawings prior to this meeting.

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

/s/ Carolyn McKnight, Superintendent

**THE ADVOCATE
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